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# EASTERN AUSTRALIA

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## A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO AUSSIE BIRDS

Visiting a wide variety of habitats and avifaunal zones along the east coast of Australia from Cairns in the north to Tasmania in the south this 3 week trip offers a great introduction to Australian birding. Starting in Tropical Far North Queensland where we visit not only the rainforests of the Cairns and Tablelands area but go over the Divide to the dry country around Georgetown before heading south to Brisbane and the Lamington National Park. Further south again we visit Royal National Park in Sydney and then head inland to the Capertee Valley. In the final part of the tour we visit Tasmania.

### **Key Species**

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Cassowary, Red-necked Crake,  
Paradise and Victoria's Riflebird,  
Squatter and White-headed Pigeon,  
Superb Fruit-Dove, Scrubtit,  
Regent Honeyeater, Rock Warbler,  
Superb and Albert's Lyrebird,  
Forty-spotted Pardalote

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Southern Cassowary, Red-necked  
Crake, Spotted Catbird.  
Photos; Phil Gregory

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### COUNTRY INFORMATION

#### **Difficulty**

This is not a difficult tour and is suitable for anyone with moderate standard of fitness.

Expect cool nights and warm to hot days in the north but in the south it could be very cold and snow may still be on the mountains.

#### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is comfortable throughout the tour and ranges from standard, en suite motel type rooms to cabins each with their own bathrooms.

*Please contact us for further  
information.  
This tour can be customised.*

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## 2011-Itinerary

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Day 1: Cairns area sites including the famous Esplanade for shorebirds. O/N Cassowary House.  
Day 2: The area around Cassowary House for Cassowary, Victoria's Riflebird, Red-necked Crakes etc. then up onto the southern Tablelands for mid altitude rainforest birds. O/N Cass. House.  
Day 3: Full day reef trip to Michaelmas Cay for nesting noddies and terns. O/N Cass. House.  
Days 4 : High altitude rainforest birds then over to Georgetown. O/N Georgetown.  
Day 5: Full day birding the Georgetown area for finches, squatter pigeons, emus. O/N Georgetown.  
Day 6: Leaving Georgetown travel to Kingfisher Park Birdwatchers Lodge for a one night stay.  
Day 7: Starting early with the Daintree River dawn birdwatchers cruise for Great-billed Heron, Little Kingfisher. Then back to Cairns birding on the way. O/N Cairns.  
Days 8 : Early flight to Brisbane then up to Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Guest House via the mangroves at Manly and Daisy Hill. O/N O'Reilly's.  
Day 9: Full day birding the Lamington area. Albert's Lyrebird, Paradise Riflebird, O/N O'Reilly's.  
Day 10: Day spent birding Lamington returning to Brisbane in the late afternoon.  
Days 11 : Take early flight to Sydney and visit Royal National Park, Superb Lyrebird, Rock Warbler, Southern Emu-wren, Beautiful Firetail. O/N Sydney.  
Day 12: Travel to Capertee birding the Blue Mountains on the way: O/N Lithgow.  
Day 13: Full day birding the Capertee Valley Regent Honeyeater. O/N Lithgow.  
Day 14: Morning in Capertee then retrace to Sydney. O/N Sydney.  
Day 15 : Early flight to Hobart and transfer to Bruny Island. O/N Bruny.  
Day 16: Full day birding Bruny. All the Tasmanian endemic birds can be found on Bruny and some great mammals as well. Forty-spotted Pardalote, Little Penguin. O/N Bruny.  
Day 17: Leave Bruny and travel north to Mountain Valley where Tasmanian Devils and Spotted-tailed Quolls are regular evening visitors. O/N Mountain Valley.  
Day 18: Full day birding the Mountain Valley area. Pink Robin, Scrubtit. O/N Mountain Valley.  
Day 19: Travel back to Launceston via Tamar Valley arriving at the airport for our late afternoon flights out.

**Cost:**

Ex Cairns  
single supplement

Please enquire if you would like  
any extensions to this tour



Victoria's Riflebird, King  
Parrot, Tasmanian Devil  
Photos: Phil Gregory